

Finally, when asked whether Japan shared common values with the United States, 83 percent of the general public, and 94 percent of opinion leaders agreed. The only country that received a higher score was the United Kingdom, by only 2 percent for each group.

These numbers and responses to the Gallup Poll should suggest our relationship with Japan is excellent. The general public believes it, and our Government has said so as well. Why should we involve ourselves in a legislative act that would jeopardize a relationship as good as we share with Japan?

Is this how we Americans should conduct ourselves with the Japanese, our friends and allies?

HONORING DETECTIVE DAVID RICH

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude I honor the life of a dedicated State trooper from Indiana. David Rich, 41 years old, died on July 5, 2007, from a gunshot wound he suffered in the line of duty as an Indiana master trooper detective. David risked his life every day to serve and protect Hoosiers in order to make Indiana a better place.

David comes from, and leaves behind, a family devoted to Indiana law enforcement. His father, former Miami County Sheriff and retired State trooper Jim Rich, and his mother Linda, instilled in him a sense of public service and respect for the law. Along with his brother, Indiana State Police Captain Robert Rich, David followed in his father's footsteps, taking the oath to serve and protect. He is also survived by his sister, Kimberly, and three nieces and one nephew.

David was an 18-year veteran of the State police and was well loved by his community. Although a great State trooper, he was best known for his devotion and loyalty to his family. He was a loving husband to Connie and took enormous pride in raising their 7-year-old daughter, Lauren, and 4-year-old twins, Carson and Connor.

His final act exemplified what kind of person David truly was. While off duty, David pulled over to aid a man whom he thought needed help. In a senseless act of violence, David was tragically shot and killed by this man. Even when off duty, David showed his dedication to serve, protect, and help those in need. It is a terrible tragedy that this nonsensical act took the precious life of such an honorable man.

SGT Tony Slocum, who worked with David, said Indiana "lost a very, very good man," and described him as one of the nicest people he has ever met. David would have done anything to help anyone in need "as he's done here on many occasions at the post," Slocum said. "He might give you the proverbial shirt off his back."

Today, I join David's family and friends in mourning his death. While

we struggle to bear sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely serving to make America a safer place. It is his heroism and strength of character that people will remember when they think of David, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

When I think about David's profound commitment to protect and the pain that accompanies the unjust loss of this outstanding trooper, I hope that some comfort can be brought to all the loved ones David left behind through the words of Peter 3:14:

but even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.

Both David's final altruistic act, as well as his everyday lifestyle, epitomized doing "what is right." May God be with all of you who mourn this tragic loss, as I know He is with David.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of David Rich in the record of the U.S. Senate for his service to the State of Indiana and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO VERMONT FROST HEAVES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I wish to tell my friends in the Senate about the Vermont Frost Heaves, the bumps in the road that we Vermonters are actually proud to claim as our own. Unlike the frost heaves New Englanders have come to know too well under the dented rims of our cars and trucks, these basketball-playing Vermont Frost Heaves are pioneers, superb athletes, role models, and as of this spring, champions of the American Basketball Association.

The Frost Heaves' motto, "we're going to be their bumps in the road," rang true many a winter's evening this year. With an overall record of 34-6 and a league record of 30-6, the Frost Heaves quickly became unfamiliar with losing, energizing Bump the moose, the team's mascot, and thousands of cowbell-ringing fans. Then, on March 29, 2007, while the sap was still running out of sugar bushes, the Frost Heaves charged their way to a triumphant 143-to-95 title victory over the Texas Tycoons, adding an exclamation point to the success of their inaugural season.

From the birth of the Vermont Frost Heaves, founder and owner Alex Wolff found a way to tie Vermonters into the team, captivating fans near and far and promising to be sustainable, local, built to scale, of the community, and embracing the Internet revolution. As a professional journalist found in the pages of Sports Illustrated, Wolff documented his journey growing a championship team with fan participation along the way. The result—a team beloved by Vermont.

Under Wolff's ambitious leadership, and with the permission of his wife Vanessa, the Wolffs created a family-friendly, affordable source of entertain-

ment in central and northern Vermont. With a home schedule split between two of the most historic gymnasiums in the State, the Barre Auditorium and Memorial Auditorium, fans from throughout Vermont had the opportunity to support their team. As the Wolffs explain, "we wanted to create a legacy for Vermont," and that is just what they have done.

After Wolff put the selection of their coach to a worldwide vote, the fans chose coach Will Voigt, a native of Cabot, VT, to be their skipper. Voigt, a three-star athlete before embarking upon a successful coaching career, left a coaching position in Norway to return to the Green Mountains.

The team starred three Vermonters, Kerry Lyons of Milton, Dana Martin of Stowe, and B.J. Robertson of Burlington. Lyons led the Milton High School Yellow Jackets to four Vermont State final fours. He was named Conference Player of the Year and was chosen as an All-State selection. He then attended Lyndon State College where he served as the team captain for 3 years. Lyons returned to Lyndon State after graduation serving as the assistant coach for both the men's and women's basketball teams during the 2000 to 2001 season.

Dana Martin attended Stowe High School and Proctor Academy in New Hampshire and continued on to play basketball for Skidmore College. Martin was the first basketball player from Skidmore to enter the professional ranks, playing in Germany after graduation, where he led his team in scoring with more than 22 points a game. Martin has offered a basketball camp for the past six summers in his hometown of Stowe for elementary school students aspiring to follow in Martin's Frost Heave footsteps.

B.J. Robertson is a graduate of Burlington High School and St. Michael's College, entertaining Vermonters with his pizzazz at both the high school and college levels. He is the all-time leading scorer at Burlington High, a record his brother owned prior to his arrival on the scene. Well known by high school sports aficionados, Robertson was named "Mr. Basketball" by the Burlington Free Press his senior year. At St. Michael's, Robertson played in 104 games at the collegiate level, starting 91 of them in 4 years. He consistently was among the leaders on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball for the Purple Knights.

Other Frost Heaves players came by way of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama, and even as far as Senegal. Aaron Cook led the Frost Heaves in scoring and minutes played for the inaugural season, averaging 16.3 points on 22 minutes. Kelvin Parker led the team in field goal percentage. Antonio Burks led the team in free throw percentage, completing nearly 83 percent of shots from the foul line. John Bryant led the team in rebounding, with 246 for the season, also leading the team in blocks.

Travarus Bennett led the team in steals, his quick hands averaged 2.6 per game. Markus Austin, Johann Collins, Kevin Mickens, Antoine Hyman, Tyrone Levett, Issa Konare, Melvin Credde, and Tyrone Barley round out the roster of the championship squad.

The extended Frost Heaves coaching staff includes assistant coaches Wayne Lafley and Marvin Safford; strength and conditioning coach Scott Caulfield; assistant coach and statistician Mark Saltus; and athletic trainer Meggan Robinson. The Frost Heaves staff worked to establish a balance of physical strength and mental toughness in each player.

Today, the sounds of cowbells echoing off the necks of Holsteins grazing in the fields of Vermont instills a bit of excitement in Frost Heaves' fans eagerly awaiting another winter of basketball. I hope my friends in the Senate will joining me in congratulating the Vermont Frost Heaves for a great season and wishing them even more success next winter.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RAY KUNTZ

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the American adventurer, war hero, and 26th President of the United States Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Far away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." And there is no work worth doing more than making sure our Nation's trucking industry runs smooth, and nobody works harder than my good friend Ray Kuntz.

As a fellow Montanan, Ray knows the value of hard work and has always been willing to roll up his sleeves and put in a full day. As the CEO of Watkins & Shepard Trucking, which is based in my hometown of Helena, Ray has helped transform a small business into a thriving enterprise. With more than 700 trucks and drivers and 1,000 employees, Watkins & Shepard has made their mark on the trucking industry. I remember attending the Watkins & Shepard driving school, and I can say firsthand that it was top notch.

Now, Ray will undertake a new challenge, taking the reins of the American Trucking Association as the chairman. Ray is no stranger to the ATA, and he is no stranger to success. As vice-chairman of the ATA, Ray helped to revolutionize the trucking industry. Combining cutting-edge technology and a passion for trucking, Ray helped to launch GetTrucking.com. This innovative Web site used humor, timely information, and eye-grabbing graphics to help recruit new drivers and keep trucking the vanguard of America's transportation industry.

As chairman, Ray will continue to use his drive, his creativity, and his passion to lead the ATA boldly into the 21st century. With his chairmanship, Ray has made the working folks the

hallmark of his term. For those of us who know him, this is no surprise. Ray has always remembered his roots and the hard-working men and women he has served along the way.

With Ray at the helm, the ATA is on the path to an even more successful future as the voice of the men and women who are either behind the wheel, or behind the scenes, of the trucking industry.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that celebrated its 125th anniversary. On June 21 to 23, the residents of Grafton gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Grafton is a vibrant community in northeastern North Dakota with the Park River running through it. Grafton serves as the county seat of Walsh County. The post office in Grafton was established with Thomas E. Cooper serving as postmaster on May 20, 1879. Cooper named the community after his wife's home of Grafton County, NH. By 1883, the city had 2,000 residents, with Stewart Cairncross serving as the first mayor. Today, Grafton is still one of the larger communities in North Dakota.

Residents of Grafton are proud of their community and what it has to offer. Residents strongly support the youth in the community and enjoy local sports events. Annually, the community hosts a "Spirit of the Season" festival, which includes breakfast with Santa, live concerts, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a bonfire in the park.

Grafton residents have been dedicated to increasing the size of the community through economic development. Since implementing this program, the community is now home to Marvin Windows and Doors, a vibrant business that has helped fund incentives for individuals wishing to relocate to Grafton.

The community of Grafton celebrated its 125th anniversary with live music, parades, a demolition derby, and tours of the Heritage Village and the school.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Grafton, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Grafton and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Grafton that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Grafton has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUNSEITH, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I recognize a community in North Da-

kota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 13 to 15, the residents of Dunseith will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Dunseith is a historic community located in north central North Dakota, only 14 miles away from the Canadian border. Founded by Giles Gilbert in 1882, Dunseith was settled by European immigrants and members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. In its early years, people were drawn to Dunseith because of the amount of land in the area made available under the Homestead Act.

Just a short distance from Dunseith is the International Peace Garden. Founded in 1932, this 2,339-acre garden along the northern border symbolizes the peace, cooperation, and friendship between the United States and Canada. It is a treasure of more than 150,000 flowers, fountains, a sunken garden, and other notable structures that promote the garden's message of peace.

Dunseith really is, as the residents say, an area undiscovered by the rest of the country. With the beautiful Turtle Mountains just nearby, residents like to spend time hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, and participating in various other outdoor activities.

Today, Dunseith has much to celebrate. Its quasiquintennial celebration is occurring at the same time as the International Peace Garden's 75th anniversary, and it is bound to be a weekend worth taking in. With 450 registered participants already, the guests will enjoy an all-school reunion, parade, art show, all faith service, demolition derby, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Dunseith, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Dunseith and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Dunseith that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTLAND, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 20 to 22, the residents of Portland will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

The rural community of Portland is located in the beautiful and serene valley of the Goose River. Like so many rural towns in North Dakota, Portland was established by a railroad. The town was named Portland because railroad officials considered it the midway point between Portland, ME, and Portland, OR. In 1883 it was incorporated as